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## **Statewide food establishment regulations updated**

THE COLONY, Texas — The upcoming new year will bring with it new regulations for City of The Colony health inspectors to enforce.

The Texas Department of State Health Services has recently amended the Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER) to conform with the most current 2013 FDA Food Code.

The new rules include almost 150 new or updated definitions, and numerous noteworthy changes to the requirements food establishments must meet to pass inspection. A [summary](#) of the changes to the TFER and a new [sample inspection report](#) are available to review on the city's website under the [Health Department](#) tab.



As of Jan. 1, 2016, the new inspection report will be used at food establishments in The Colony. Also, the city now has two full-time health inspectors on staff following approval by the City Council of the second position for the 2015-16 budget year.

Community Image Director Iris Browder said the state's updated regulations and the added health inspector would further enhance the city's efforts to help safeguard the public health.

"Our staff members are dedicated to conducting timely, thorough inspections of food establishments in our community," she said. "Having a second health inspector making rounds helps us keep up with the many new restaurants coming to the city. We're also pleased to see the state amendments to the TFER so that our residents and visitors are benefitting from the latest food safety standards."

For more information, contact the Community Image Department at 972-624-3151. For a look inside The Colony's health inspections process, check out [this feature story](#) on the city's blog.

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